

TILLMAN AND HIS FRIENDS—THEIR TOUR THROUGH THE STATE.

In Greenville, Columbia, Charleston—everywhere—a warm greeting and a hearty welcome has been accorded Senator Tillman and his Congressional friends in their recent tour through the State.

At Greenville, on Tuesday, the 7th, the notice was too limited for the tender of a banquet, but the guests were driven around the city and saw the factories and all places of interest—had a hot supper at the Mansion House, and were formally welcomed by a big mass meeting in Beattie's Hall, where there was much pleasant speaking and a happy exchange of compliments between Senator Tillman and his Congressional friends and the prominent citizens of the city.

Congressman Connelly, of Illinois, Congressman Cowherd, of Missouri, Congressman Shaffroth, of Colorado, and Congressman J. Hamilton Lewis, of Washington State, made short, bright, eloquent speeches, all of which were highly enjoyed by the audience, who manifested their pleasure by rounds of roaring applause.

From Congressman Lewis' remarks we quote as follows:

"When Mr. Lewis got up he said he thought he was about the only direct young rebel in the aggregation of tramps. Tillman had told him to expect to exhibit himself, and there he was now. Mr. Lewis is known far and wide for his dainty sarcasm and keen wit, and he exercised them to perfection on his brother Congressmen. In far-off Washington State, where he came from, every town and city, he said, had sons of Carolinians, and then he spoke with feeling of how his dear mother came from South Carolina, and how his ancestors helped to make King's Mountain glorious. Therefore, it was his pride and pleasure to note Carolina's onward march. He reviewed the vast possibilities ahead for South Carolina, and his peroration about South Carolina, the cradle of secession, taking to her arms of hospitality and pressing to her bosom of love the soldier boys of Massachusetts, New Jersey and New York. Now here, was, indeed, a man at or two."

Senator Tillman was next presented and spoke briefly because of the hour and his being at home. He missed the wool hats, he said, but wanted to join in the welcome. To Mr. Latimer was due the full credit of bringing the party here. He thought Reed had bottled up the eloquence of the Congressmen, and that, therefore, they were ready, but he had talked a lot and had no sizzling oratory to vent to-night. He, too, got in his jokes on the party, mostly on his friend from Illinois, who came down here thirty years ago as an engineer ahead of Sherman. By way of getting at Mr. Lewis, he said he had been in every State except seven, and had spoken in all but twelve, and that he had received enough applause wherever he went even to satisfy him, and he thought he was a glutton as to applause. Talking about Colorado, he said that there his soubriquet of the pitchfork was fastened on him, and he forgot to say he was Hobsonized there. He told of how friends were made by Congressmen, and that they were not on political lines, and how the public stealing was going on and how he was trying to get Carolina's full share for her various communities. Senator Tillman was heartily received.

AT COLUMBIA.

In reference to the reception of the Tillman excursion party in Columbia on Wednesday last, The State says:

"Columbia has entertained the Congressional party which, on its way to Cuba, has stopped over to Carolina at the invitation of our representatives in Congress. "Feeling very jubilant over recent events which point to Columbia's development and growth, the capital city has, in the limited time allowed, done everything she could to entertain and honor her guests and to show her appreciation of the services of Senator Tillman and Congressman Stanyarne Wilson, who have worked for the appropriation for the opening of the Congaree river."

And the Record says:

"Right royally did Columbia entertain her distinguished guests yesterday. They were welcomed with a warmth which made the strangers among them realize that, much as they had heard of Southern hospitality, the half had not been told. Most pleasant of all, political prejudice and bitterness was laid aside and the cordiality of the greeting given Senator Tillman was not a whit less, but rather greater, than that accorded the distinguished gentlemen with whom

he is traveling. In justice to the citizens of Columbia, The Record must say it does not believe their warm welcome of Tillman was due solely to gratification at his earnest and successful work for an appropriation for opening of the Congaree, which would have been slightly selfish, but also to a dawned appreciation of a fact which cannot be denied that Ben Tillman is a South Carolinian who has forged to the front in Washington and won a national reputation and influence of which his fellow citizens may well be proud."

At the grand banquet at the Grand Central, given in honor of Columbia's honored guests, many enlivening speeches and much enthusiasm prevailed. And when Mr. Shand announced Benjamin R. Tillman, the senior senator's name was received with deafening applause and he was kept standing several minutes before he could reply to the toast "South Carolina."

Senator Tillman said that the Senate was the only deliberate body in Washington, and he related his experience of the last few days, showing that he had had much to fatigue him. Therefore, he made apology for any shortcomings. He said: "We have a State of which we are proud. You have a city which we hope to see marching steadily to the front. It is not necessary to discuss the occasion of this assembly. I have simply done my duty. I am glad that you are willing to acknowledge that I am not a nonentity in the United States senate, and I am glad that you are willing to honor me. Let the dead past bury its dead, and let us move forward together. I congratulate you that half of those visiting gentlemen are Republicans and that there is a low less sectional feeling than since the war. (Cheers.) The United States are to-day united by bonds of blood. Your welcome of these gentlemen is a harbinger of better days in the republic. The great heart of the masses of the people beats for good government. We are not going the way of other republics, and sink beneath the burden of a standing army."

"We are far poorer than other States, but they have the accumulated wealth of 200 years, while we began life anew in 1865. When they consider our poverty, our lack of thrift, these representatives from other States cannot refuse us, struggling under adverse conditions, paying \$2,000,000 pensions; they cannot refuse us a request for any appropriation which is in order, decency and right, and South Carolina will never ask for anything which is not decent and right. (Cheers.) We of South Carolina have no apologies to make. We will always respond to every call as in 1776, 1812 and 1847 and every other time when we have been called upon."

When the cheers which greeted his taking his seat had subsided, Mr. Cowherd proposed a toast to Senator Tillman and Congressman Wilson. This was drunk with a hearty good will by all present, and the love feast of the Yankee and Rebel, of partisan and opponent, was declared adjourned by Toastmaster Shand.

AT CHARLESTON.

Senator Tillman and the congressional party arrived at Charleston, on Thursday morning at 11 o'clock, and were met by Mayor Adger Smythe and some fifteen or more of the prominent citizens of the city, who took charge of the ladies and gentlemen of the visiting party, escorted them to the carriages in waiting and drove them rapidly around the city, pointing out the chief points of interest. The party was then taken to Accommodation wharf, where the Pilot boy was boarded for an excursion around the harbor and to the Isle of Palms. At the latter place the guests and their entertainers had lunch served to them and many were the convivial courtesies interchanged. The party returned to the city at 6 o'clock and enjoyed a brief rest before the banquet, which was served at the Charleston Hotel at 7.30. Speeches were made by Senator Tillman and Congressman Connelly, Cowherd, Shaffroth, Lewis, Norton, Datimer, Showalter and Colonel Waterhouse, and all the speakers were generously applauded. The fraternization of Senator Tillman and his opponents in the city, even to the editors who have so bitterly denounced him in the past, was complete and the occasion was an epoch-making one in State hatchet-burying and reconciliation.

The banquet at the Charleston Hotel was a very brilliant affair. The board was graced by a number of prominent Charleston people, ladies as well as gentlemen, besides the distinguished visitors. The banquet room in the second story was used for the occasion. It had been beautifully decorated, potted plants, palms, roses and their tokens of winter in the South being placed in tasteful array about the spacious room.

Mayor Smyth occupied the chair

of the toastmaster and presided with grace and dignity. On his right sat Senator Tillman and the position to the left was filled by Dr. H. W. Bays. When the guests had all arrived at the places assigned to them Dr. Bays asked the blessing, the orchestra started a merry rondelay and all was soon as merry as the proverbial marriage bell.

Mayor Smyth, before calling upon Senator Tillman to respond to the toast of "South Carolina," said that the city was glad to have him within its gates. He had done much for Charleston and for the past two years he had never refused or neglected a request made by her. He said he wished to thank Senator Tillman publicly for all he had done for Charleston.

Senator Tillman said he hardly knew how to begin a speech at midnight hour and under the conditions existing. It was his first experience in making a speech at a banquet where lovely women was present. So many things had been alluded to and so many jokes had been perpetrated he was perplexed as to what to say. Some of the things said reminded him of some of the sermons he had preached on the City Hall steps. He told how he had ridden on the stepladder at the Isle, and was glad to see that the tinkle of the horse car had disappeared from Charleston's streets.

Some good things had been credited to him, he was proud to name the twin colleges and the new Constitution, and all had been accomplished under petticoat government. At the tender age of 20 his good mother had turned him over to a good wife.

Alluding to Congressman Connelly's speech the Senator said that it was all new to him, although some people might have thought he loaded and primed the gun for firing. In the Senate he was first recognized for his brutal frankness. "You have felt the sting of my words in Charleston," he said, "and now I want to apologize for their sharpness. You were fighting me and I hit back hard. But I would have been less than a man had I carried the war to Washington. You had a right to differ with me, but now that is past. I am ready to take to my heart any project to advance the interests of my State, and to press forward for South Carolina's share. I gained the respect of the Senate by telling what I thought. They soon learned that despite my unquoth speech they could always put a finger down and find me."

"Seeing the South an outcast—a sort of step-daughter—with little chance for consideration or justice, I went to work and tried to win the confidence and esteem of the best Republicans. I was successful, and now count many warm and true friends, among whom I will mention Bill Chandler, and if you say, 'Oh! he stole the electoral vote of Florida,' I cannot help that. We did some quiet work ourselves once, and I tell the Senators about it myself."

The Senator then briefly alluded to the needs of Charleston and his desire to see the harbor improved. He also spoke of the proposed Sanitarium at Castle Pinckney, and said that he depended upon the Congressmen present to get the bill through the National House of Representatives at the next session.

"The best way to get what is due Charleston and the South," said the Senator, "is to have such trips as the one now being enjoyed by myself and the Congressmen. I invited this party to Charleston; it was booked for Florida, but I thought it ought to come here. I am very glad I did so, and I think the visit will be productive of good."

In conclusion, Senator Tillman thanked the people of Charleston for the kindly reception tendered himself and the Congressmen. He had fought the men of Charleston for years, "but now the hatchet is buried. I never surrendered to the men, however, but go away a slave to your fair daughters." (Applause.)

GERMANY'S ATTITUDE.

Berlin, March 7.—Emperor William's message of sympathy to Mrs. Kipling, occasioned by her husband's serious illness, is commented upon by the press today. The Vossische Zeitung says: "This new manifestation of the emperor's sympathy form a pleasant contrast to the erroneous statements that Germany is about to declare a tariff war on the United States. The German nation, on the contrary, is strongly desirous of living in peace with America, but hopes for full reciprocity, and that the legitimate interests of Germany be considered."

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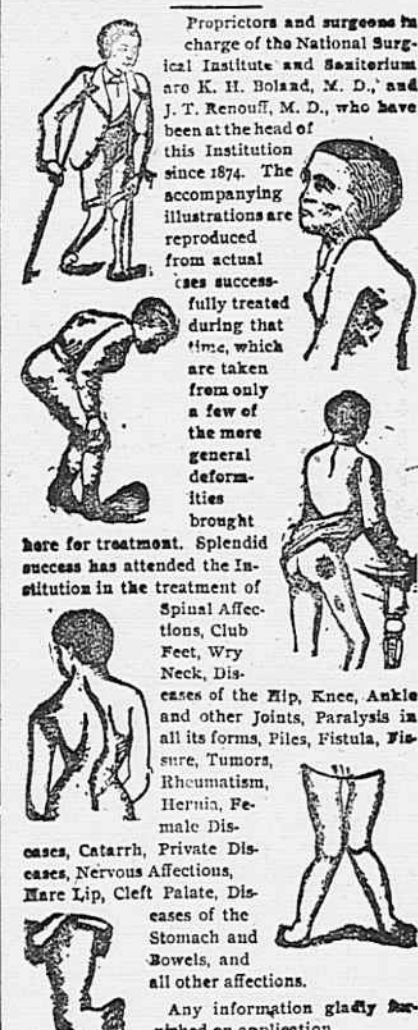
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